

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday November 12th, 2025**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Dombrowski, Kimberly Whitfield, Nate Scramlin,
Isaac Francisco, Joan Lenhard, Tirstan Walters, Rayvne Gilmore,
Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M. Foster Community Center

I. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Swapped C and D Greene-Szmadzinski moved to accept the agenda as amended,
Scramlin Supported, passed unanimously.

II. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- A. **October 8th, 2025 Scramlin moved to accept the October 8th minutes, Walters
Seconded, passed unanimously.**

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

New Park Board Member - Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski

- A. New Park Board Member - Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski lives near Scott Woods park and loves the outdoors and is excited to provide recreational opportunities.
- B. Kircher Park Memorial Request- Kaitlin Parker made a request to add a memorial for her father Thomas Parker at the Kircher Municipal Baseball Field. **Walters moved and Scramlin seconded to support the installation of the memorial pending final design and inscription review. Passed unanimously.**
- C. Ranney Park Additional Lighting – Diego Morales from the Raney Park Community Coalition. Diego advocated to have additional lighting added to Ranney Park in and around the skate park to increase recreational activities. He presented a petition with 42 signatures to support the request for lighting being added to this park.
- D. Fenner Preschool Playground and Hunter Park Playground – This playground will be open to the public and will be designed as a natural playground intended for children ages 2-5. Fenner is currently gathering public input. The department received a grant from Game Time for playground equipment at Hunter Park.
- E. BWL Wentworth Park Steam Conversion- A Steam Conversion Building has been proposed by BWL to be built and installed at Wentworth for approximately 10 years. The Parks Board asked the Director to invite a representative from the BWL to speak with the board.
- F. Scott Woods – Tubing Hill – Hawk Island has an easement request to use a portion of Scott Woods for the bottom portion of the Tubing Hill that is up for renewal. **A motion was made to renew the easement. Lenhard Moved, Whitfield seconded, passed unanimously.**
- G. Moores Courts Survey – A survey was sent out to the community to see what types of courts would be popular to resurface. The option of dividing the use of the courts between tennis and pickleball court.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **5 – Year Plan – The 5 Year Plan will be submitted for final public comment and vote by City Council at their December 15th Meeting.**

V. **UPDATES**

1. **Park Foundation – The Parks Foundation is looking for additional Board Members and a**

part time Director.

2. Jones Lake Property – Passed the Planning Commission and is being presented to City Council.
3. Waverly Property - Passed the Planning Commission and is being presented to City Council.
4. Frances Park Shoreline Project – The grant funding was accepted by City Council.
5. Bubble Barrier – A \$300K grant was accepted from Meijer for the engineering and design of the Bubble Barrier.
6. Consumers Easement – This easement along the South Side of Mount Hope for a High Pressure Gas Line will be presented to City Council on November 17th 2025.
7. Reutter Park Fountain – An engineering report will be ordered and presented to the Parks Board when it is completed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 13th Annual Race to Restore – 5k at Mt. Hope Cemetery – October 18th @ 10am
2. Courtesy Office Xmas Open House 6th Year of Service December 22nd @ 11:00am

VII. INFORMATION

VIII. REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Rayvne Gilmore wanted to confirm that the updates to the lighting goals in the 5 year plan. She also wanted to have the Department look into opportunities to provide an area to play cricket.

Tirstan Walters spoke with the West Side Neighborhood Association about the parcel at 609 – 609 N Verlinden – Adjacent to Osborn Park and the Neighborhood Association was receptive to the Department seeking out a possible purchase to expand Osborn Park.

IX. STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

All meetings of the Park Board shall be open to the public. Those in attendance shall have the opportunity to speak on any issue related to parks and recreation services not otherwise on the agenda at the end of the meeting and may speak on any agenda issue during the meeting after park board members have had an opportunity to discuss the issue or prior to the board voting on the issue. The President may impose a time limit on public comments.

Dinah George who is the Hunter Park Garden Assistant wanted to speak about the usage of Hunter Park. She has received feedback from users of Hunter Park asking for access to water and a working water fountain. She has also received requests for easy access to the restrooms. She also wanted to let us know that she and two other farming experts are forming a black farming collective called the Three Sisters Farm Collective.

Meeting closed at 8:34